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Garner Holiday Traditions Set for Dec. 6, 7

Downtown Garner's annual holiday traditions – Light Up Main and the Christmas Parade – will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7.

Light Up Main, featuring the lighting of the tree by Mayor Ronnie Williams and Santa and Mrs. Claus, will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. The tree will be lit at 6:15 p.m.

The parade will be held the following afternoon starting at 2 p.m. This year's parade theme – "All-America Christmas" – celebrates Garner's selection as a 2013 All-America City by the National Civic League. Garner's official All-America City delegation will serve as grand marshals of the parade.

Light Up Main is a family-friendly event that includes visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus and children's arts and crafts activities along a closed-off Main Street. Local entertainment will feature Wake Baptist Grove Church, Christy's Dance Xplosion, Dawn Michelle Williams, Center Stage School of the Performing Arts, the G-Squad and others.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Garner, the Garner Revitalization Association and downtown businesses. Parking is available along Pearl Street, Main Street and at the GBI baseball complex at 417 W. Main St.

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This year's Christmas Parade boasts over 50 entries including the Garner Magnet High School Mighty Trojan Marching Band, the Wake Christian Academy Bulldog Regiment Marching Band, local churches, dance groups, civic groups, businesses and, of course, the jolly old elf himself.

The parade will begin at the corner of Garner Road and Avery Street and proceed to Benson Road and make a left. It will then make a left onto and proceed down Main Street. The procession next will turn left onto New Rand Road, then left onto Garner Road and end at the intersection of Garner Road and Avery Street. Motorists should expect street closures along the parade route.

Public parking for the parade will be available at the Garner Senior Center (205 E. Garner Road); Garner Recreational Park (221 E. Garner Road); the GBI baseball complex (417 W. Main St.); North Garner Middle School's rear lot (accessible via Curtiss Drive) and on streets adjacent to the parade route except for Broughton, Powell and Avery streets.

For more information on these events, visit garnernc.gov or call (919) 773-4442.

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